

Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, who was introduced by Senators McCaskill and Blunt, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, and Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1696, to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services, focusing on removing barriers to constitutionally protected reproductive rights, after receiving testimony from Senator Baldwin; Representatives Black, Chu, and Blackburn; Wisconsin State Representative Chris Taylor, Madison; Nancy Northup, Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, New York; Monique V. Chireau, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; Carol Tobias, National Right to Life Com-

mittee, Washington, D.C.; and Willie Parker, Birmingham, Alabama.

CYBERCRIMINAL NETWORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine taking down botnets, focusing on public and private efforts to disrupt and dismantle cybercriminal networks, after receiving testimony from Leslie R. Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Joseph Demarest, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Richard Domingues Boscovich, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Cheri F. McGuire, Symantec Corporation, Mountain View, California; Paul Vixie, Farsight Security, Inc., San Mateo, California; and Craig D. Spiegle, Online Trust Alliance, Bellevue, Washington.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5107–5118 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6297**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 670, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4719) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions for food inventory (H. Rept. 113–522).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Pittenger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Steve Walker, Fairview Village Church, Eagleville, Pennsylvania.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private calendar, the House passed H.R. 306, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act: H.R. 3086, to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

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Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, by a recorded vote of 367 ayes to 55 noes, Roll No. 414.

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Rejected the Blumenauer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 413.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee

on Ways and Means, modified by the amendments printed in H. Rept. 113–521, shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H6245–46**

H. Res. 669, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 408, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 407. **Pages H6241–42**

Notice of Intent To Offer Motion: Representative Gallego announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. **Page H6261**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 16th. **Pages H6242–45, H6262–84**

Agreed to:

Roskam amendment that was debated on July 14th that increases funding, by offset, for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by \$10,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 338 ayes to 80 noes, Roll No. 410); **Pages H6243–44**

Frelinghuysen amendment that reduces funding for the National Security Council by \$4,200,000; **Pages H6262–63**

DeLauro amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into any contract with an incorporated entity if such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity is incorporated or chartered in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, and such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity was previously incorporated in the United States; **Pages H6263–64**

Bachus amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to reinstall the Red Mountain sculpture on the plaza of the Hugo Black Court-house in Birmingham, Alabama; **Pages H6264–65**

Schakowsky amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in section 2313(c)(1) of title 41, United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term "Fair Labor Standards Act"; **Pages H6265–66**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has (1) within a three-year period preceding this offer been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; viola-

tion of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; or (2) are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated above in paragraph (1); or (3) within a three-year period preceding this offer, has been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied; **Pages H6267–68**

Walberg amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of chapter 29, 31, or 33 of title 44, United States Code; **Page H6272**

Farenthold amendment that prohibits funds from being made available for the Office of Management and Budget to process or approve an apportionment request that does not include the following phrase: "Apportioned amounts are not available for any position that is held by an employee with respect to whom the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives has certified a statement of facts to a United States attorney under section 104 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 194)"; and **Pages H6272–73**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to confidentiality and disclosure of returns and return information). **Pages H6276–77**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to reduce funding for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network by \$200,000 and increase funding for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by \$100,000 (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 409); **Pages H6242–43**

Moore amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to strike section 501 from the bill, which relates to administrative provisions of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, specifically the repeal of section 1017(a)(2)(C) of Public Law 111–203 (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 411); and **Page H6244**

Waters amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to increase funding for salaries and expenses of the Securities and Exchange Commission by \$300,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 412). **Pages H6244–45**

Withdrawn:

Sherman amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds

from being used to implement, administer, or enforce final leasing accounting standard rules, regulations, or requirements in FASB Project 2013–270, Accounting Standards Update Topic 842; **Page H6268**

Marino amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to collect any underpayment of any tax imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to the extent such underpayment is attributable to the taxpayer's loss of records (except in the case of fraud); and **Pages H6274–75**

DeSantis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used for any Internal Revenue Service instant message or other electronic communications system that is not operationally searchable and archivable at all times. **Page H7277**

Point of Order sustained against:

Heck (WA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to specified States, to prohibit or penalize a financial institution from providing financial services to an entity solely because the entity is a manufacturer, producer, or person that participates in any business or organized activity that involves handling marijuana or marijuana products and engages in such activity pursuant to a law established by a State or local government and **Pages H6275–76**

Massie amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by any authority of the government of the District of Columbia to prohibit the ability of any person to possess, acquire, use, sell, or transport a firearm except to the extent such activity is prohibited by Federal law (Subsequently, Representative Massie appealed the ruling of the Chair. The question was then put on sustaining the ruling of the Chair, and by voice vote it was agreed that the decision of the Chair shall stand as the judgement of the Committee). **Page H6274**

Proceedings Postponed:

Meehan amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to modify or rebuild any portion of the White House bowling alley, including using phenolic synthetic material; **Pages H6266–67**

Fleming amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to implement guidance FIN–2014–G001 (relating to BSA Expectations Regarding Marijuana-Related Businesses) issued on February 14, 2014; **Pages H6268–70**

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay a performance award under

section 5384 of title 5, United States Code, to any employee of the Internal Revenue Service;

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Grayson amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay any individual at an annual rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2 as defined in the “Salary Table 2014–GS” published by the Office of Personnel Management, or to pay any individual at an hourly basic rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2; **Pages H6273–74**

Heck (WA) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to specified States, to penalize a financial institution solely because the institution provides financial services to an entity that is a manufacturer, producer, or a person that participates in any business or organized activity that involves handling marijuana or marijuana products and engages in such activity pursuant to a law established by a State or local government; **Pages H6271–72**

DeSantis amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Internal Revenue Service to create machine-readable materials that are not subject to the safeguards established pursuant to section 3105 of title 44, United States Code; **Page H6277**

DeSantis amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being obligated or expended by the Internal Revenue Service for conferences; **Pages H6277–73**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to reduce each amount made available by the bill by 1%, with the exception of specified accounts; **Pages H6278–79**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to provide funds from the Hardest Hit Fund program established by the Secretary of the Treasury under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to any State or local government for the purpose of funding pension obligations of such State or local government; **Pages H6279–80**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to specified States, by the Federal Communications Commission to prevent such States from implementing their own State laws with respect to the provision of broadband Internet access service by the State or a municipality or other political subdivision of the State; and **Pages H6280–82**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Voluntary Remedial Actions and Guidelines for Voluntary Recall Notices”. **Pages H6282–84**

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to on July 10th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor is to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–135). **Page H6245**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6241, H6242, H6242–43, H6243–44, H6244, H6244–45, H6260–61 and H6261. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS FUNDING FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Overseas Contingency Operations Funding FY 2015. This was a closed hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW OF THE PRISONER OF WAR/ MISSING IN ACTION COMMUNITY AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THESE AGENCIES AS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Government Accountability Office review of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) community and the restructuring of these agencies as proposed by the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and Jamie Morin, Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S YOUTH: AN UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Sec-

ondary Education held a hearing entitled “Protecting America’s Youth: An Update from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the “Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act”; H.R. 4250, the “Sunscreen Innovation Act”; H.R. 594, the “Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014”; H.R. 669, the “Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act”; H.R. 4290, the “Wakefield Act of 2014”; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5057, the “EPS Service Parts Act of 2014”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4771, H.R. 4250, H.R. 594, H.R. 669, H.R. 4290, and H.R. 4450. The following bill was ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 5057.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S “OPERATION CHOKE POINT”

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Department of Justice’s ‘Operation Choke Point’”. Testimony was heard from Stuart F. Delery, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board; Richard J. Osterman, Acting General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

EXAMINING REGULATORY RELIEF PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory Relief Proposals for Community Financial Institutions, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF TURKISH DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “The Future of Turkish Democracy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE RISE OF ISIL: IRAQ AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The